

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending in this application. Claim 1 has been amended to restore "a billing system for tracking usage by users of the proprietary information utility for billing purposes." Claims 2-5 remain unamended. Claim 6 was previously amended for grammatical purposes. Claims 7-13 remain unamended. Claim 14 has been amended to now depend from claim 1. Claims 15 and 17-18 remain unamended. Claim 16 was previously amended for grammatical purposes. Claim 19 has been amended to restore "tracking usage of users of the proprietary information utility for billing purposes." Claims 20-23, 25 and 27 were previously amended to remove references to "step" and letters preceding elements. Claim 24 has been amended to depend from claim 19 and claim 26 has been amended to depend from claim 25. Claims 30-31 have been canceled. Claims 28-29 were previously canceled.

Claims 1-27 are elected for examination. The claims now comply with the Examiner's first restriction requirement and his second restriction requirement. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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